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FROM : Chief/Language and Area School

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None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. IAC Roundtable met at NSA on 29 August. CIA had preliminary discussions that will result in receiving two spaces in a special Moroccan course for two persons at a cost somewhere between nothing and one-fourth the cost of independent arrangements. Plan for exchange of training films was agreed upon. Several opportunities for basic (1st year intensive), intermediate (2nd year intensive), and advanced (3rd year intensive) training were revealed, but probably will not be of any significant value to this Agency. Next meeting will be at Blue Mountain Lake, N. Y., with Air Force and Syracuse University as hosts, and will include special presentations on (a) language training in the USSR by a recent visitor, and (b) description and demonstration of a unique academic experiment in use of moving pictures in language training.

2. By your direction we continued conference with Prof. . Four members of the School faculty and staff spent seven hours with him. Conference was continuously interesting and we hope it was profitable for Prof. .

3. Panels this week again. A spate of persons (5) below qualifications that we regard as acceptable for satisfactory performance in intensive French training has been met by creating a special class for low aptitude individuals. All division sponsors were appropriately informed that slow progress and a low ceiling of saturation, even over many years, should be accepted as probabilities. Regular course for four persons also will be given.

4. PO/TR and C/LAS discussed policies prepared by the latter on qualifications and personnel practices for contract employees. Substantial correlation in results of independently developed evaluations resulted. Most minor differences were where C/LAS and staff had rated lower than seemed to accord with Agency standards. An accord and proposal will be reached easily and recommendation for suitable adjustments will be submitted for DTR approval.

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5. C/IAS had stand-by duty for the long holiday weekend and has nothing to report.

6. We now have two candidates for intensive Russian to begin on 22 September; two and a rumored three for Chinese to begin on 15 September. To provide an alternative to consider, we will inquire whether FSI and/or Navy can handle two students in these languages in the event there are only two students--financially and pedagogically a bad number to handle. Current events in the Far East could increase interest in Chinese, and by 1961, we could have six persons starting this fall adequately equipped for all average uses,

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A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [redacted] has been detailed to the staff to work with Mr. [redacted]
 2. One hundred and forty Certifications for Language Award Certificates were sent to the Registrar last week.
 3. Thirty-three people were tested last week in Chinese, Portuguese, Italian and Czech.
 4. My three weeks at Syracuse University, attending the first running of the Maxwell Institute on American Overseas Operations, from which I have just returned, were most rewarding. I shall submit in due course a detailed report of that tour of duty, but I both want to express my gratitude for the opportunity afforded me to make new contacts and renew old friendships as well as to enlarge my professional horizons and to state unhesitatingly that the three weeks were rich with new ideas and fresh concepts which will materially benefit us in the preparation and offering of the new LAS Program of training for overseas operations.
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B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [] (C/PP) regarding: 1) our proposed senior-level seminar on Free Europe; and 2) PP views on area priorities for the next two fiscal years. [] showed a keen interest in discussing the seminar, thinks we will have our maximum of 12 enrollees (probably including some super-grades), recommends that we limit enrollment to GS-14 and above, and gave [] a number of excellent leads to top-level experts, many of whom are already being used by the DD/P for similar purposes at restricted gatherings. Our intermediate contact with these potential guests will be ROM/OTS. [] assigns a top priority to [] in PP's efforts to shift DDP capabilities to higher priority target areas. Almost equally important in his opinion are the Middle East, certain Latin American countries like [] and - for the longer term - sub-Saharan Africa. Of course our own capabilities for area training in all these areas except the Middle East are non-existent or slight. While we will attempt a survey of the Central European grouping next spring with present resources, we badly need a full-time instructor on Eastern Europe. We have just been forced to cancel the high-priority Soviet Bloc survey and have no present capability to put on the Balkans course scheduled tentatively for spring.
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2. A bibliography on [] was prepared by [] for Mr. Alan []
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3. As of Wednesday, SIC assumed responsibility for the current joint survey course on the Moscow-Peking Axis.
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